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Customer No. 22,852  
Attorney Docket No. 04329.2210

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
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Katsuhiko HIEDA, et al. ) Group Art Unit: 2811  
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Serial No.: 09/469,190 ) Examiner: Vu, Hung K.  
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Filed: December 21, 1999 )  
)  
For: SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE AND )  
METHOD FOR )  
MANUFACTURING THE SAME )

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

In reply to the Office Action dated September 24, 2002, with a period for response extending through December 24, 2002, please amend the application as follows:

**IN THE DRAWINGS:**

Submitted herewith is a Request for Approval of Drawing Changes in which proposed changes to Figs. 15 and 16 are indicated in red ink.

**REMARKS**

According to the Examiner, claims 10, 15, 19, and 24 – 30 are pending, with claims 10, 15, and 24 – 30 withdrawn from consideration as drawn to a nonelected invention. The Examiner only examined claim 19 on the merits in this Office Action, and summarized on p. 2 of

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